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Shohichi Nitta et al.

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For: STEP-UP/DOWN DC-DC CONVERTER

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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